

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method is disclosed for downloading information from a remote device during a scheduled period of time and when a data transfer rate is greater than a predetermined threshold. A plurality of clients are connected to a server through a network. The server schedules a period of time for each client to download information from the server. At a scheduled period of time for a client, the client measures a data transfer rate for a connection to the server prior to downloading information from the server. If the data transfer rate is not greater than the threshold, the download is not performed. The data transfer rate may be re-measured by the client during the scheduled period of time, and the download may be performed when the data transfer rate is greater than the threshold. Also, the download may be terminated if the data transfer rate falls below the threshold during the download.